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Grady Stumbo, Commissioner
Department For Human Resources
275 East Main Street, 4 West
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Mr. Stumbo,

Burr Travis and I are defending Paul Kordenbrock in a capital murder case in Florence, Kentucky. We have requested the court to allow us expert witness fees in order that we can obtain certain experts to assist us in the defense of Mr. Kordenbrock. Among others, we have asked the judge to allow us funds to hire a psychiatrist, psychologist, psycho-neuropharmacologist, and neurologist.

Before allowing us the requested funds, the judge is requiring us to determine if the state has available, at no cost to us or the county, any of these professionals.

As you may know, capital cases in Kentucky are conducted in two phases: a guilt and innocence phase as well as a penalty phase. During the penalty phase, the defendant has the right to introduce any evidence in mitigation of his crime. In the guilt and innocence phase, the defendant is permitted to introduce any evidence related to his competency, insanity, or other psychological, psychiatric or physical matters related to his culpability or to the degree of his culpability. Please let me know if you have any of these professionals available to us at no cost, or if you are aware of any state agency that has such professionals available to us at no cost.

Please do understand that we are not looking for professionals who are aligned with the prosecution or the courts. Our interest is in obtaining a professional who can appropriately assist the defense in the investigation of matters relevant to the defense.

We are scheduled to provide the judge with this information no later than May 23, 1980 at 10 a.m. I would greatly appreciate your responding at your earliest convenience in order that I can have sufficient time to prepare for the hearing based upon your response.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Monahan
Assistant Public Advocate

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